

March 23 1944
71 Crawford St.
Newark N. Jersey

Mr Francis Matthews
11 Marble St.
Roxbury Mass

Dear Matthews:

First of all, what is your zone number?
One letter said 19 and the other 20.

Now Matthews your problem has given me an undue ammount of headaches, due mainly to the great difference in the salary I am willing to pay you, and what you are asking for. The last time you played with The Eagles you received \$150.00 a month. Now after two years of inactivity you are asking for almost three times that much. I doubt very much that any one in our baseball will pay you that kind of money. If you are determined you must get what you are asking for, I am afraid you will end up staying on your job. However I would like to see you playing ball if it is possible.

I have decided to invite you to go to camp with us, and let us see what can be worked out for you. You will have to get in condition anyway, and this will keep you from loosing any time. We are leaving from The Grand Hotel 78 W. Market St. Sunday April 2nd at 8 A.M. We are training in Richmond Va. and will be staying at Virginia Union University. If you decide to go to camp you can meet us there and leave with us. In the meantime if you want to try and work out a trade for yourself tell me what team you want to be with, and I will see what I can get for you.

I think you will be wise to come go to camp with us, and see what can be done. We ahve tried to make a trade for you with several teams, and cannot get anything worth while. Kansas City could have let us have a man we wanted, but they refused on the grounds of the salary you were asking. I will be looking to see you or hear from you.

Very Truly Yours